

# EXHIBIT A

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

CRIMINAL NO.

v.

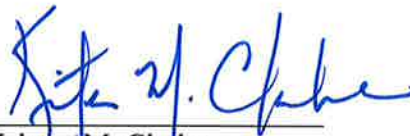
PAYTON GENDRON

Defendant.

**CERTIFICATION OF THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL**

I, Kristen M. Clarke, hereby certify that in my judgment, prosecution by the United States of PAYTON GENDRON, for violations of Title 18, United States Code, § 249(a), on May 14, 2022, is in the public interest and is necessary to secure substantial justice. This certification is made pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, § 249(b).

Dated 6/10/22

  
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Kristen M. Clarke  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division